

## Virginia Emergency Operations Center

### Hurricane Katrina Impacts

#### Situation Report #7

Operational Period 0700 Hours September 6, 2005 to 0700 Hours September 7, 2005

#### **SITUATION:**

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a limited state of emergency within the Commonwealth on August 31, 2005, directing the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina. Following an evacuee care meeting with key state agencies and volunteer organizations, Governor Warner announced Virginia is offering to shelter a minimum of 4,000 evacuees. The Governor is requesting a Presidential disaster declaration to assist with Virginia's relief effort.

Virginia continues to monitor spot fuel shortages around the Commonwealth. Pipeline capacity was temporarily reduced due to Hurricane Katrina's impact. Both Plantation Pipeline Company and Colonial Pipeline are operating at 100% capacity.

Localities across the Commonwealth are receiving evacuees from Louisiana. The American Red Cross is providing assistance, such as food, clothing, and shelter, to the evacuees. No public shelters have been established, but efforts to this effect have been reported by the City of Richmond and Loudoun County.

#### **ONGOING STATE ACTIVITIES:**

- **VDEM/VEOC**

- Augmented with additional staffing from DFP and DGS
- Coordinating 39 open requests through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Disseminating EMAC requests to the appropriate State and/or local agencies
- Currently supporting 5 EMAC missions in Louisiana and 2 in Mississippi
- Six VDEM Reservists deploying to Jackson, Mississippi on September 9. On September 12, they will travel with the members of the Jackson EOC to the JFO
- Monitoring Tropical Storm Nate, Tropical Storm Maria, and Tropical Storm Ophelia

- **DMME**

- Some terminals will be receiving deliveries of diesel, conventional gas and reformulated gas throughout the week to replenish their inventories
- Richmond RFG waiver effective through September 9

- **DOF**

- Total of 45 personnel assisting with the response (2 crews of 20 plus 5 personnel assisting with specialty roles on IMTs)
- Six 3-person chainsaw strike teams to help with debris clearing and removal enroute to Saint Stephens, Mississippi. Scheduled to arrive September 7

- **VDH**

- The Virginia Beach Medical Reserve Corps (VBMRC) has deployed 5 volunteers to Montgomery, AL (to be further deployed)
- VBMRC working locally with Red Cross Chapter to support to evacuees arriving in the area by providing medical screenings at the Red Cross
- Two Registered Nurses from Chesapeake MRC have deployed – one to Montgomery, Alabama for further assignment and the other to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 2 other registered nurses and one doctor are awaiting assignment. All are coordinated through the American Red Cross
- VDH Public Information Officer scheduled to deploy to Texas on September 8 in support of FEMA

- Va. Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)-1, 12 personnel deployed on 5 missions and 32 standing by for immediate deployment.
- Continuing organization of public health response teams for deployment to the Gulf Coast. Collected over 100 VDH Agency Volunteer names to date
- **VNG**
  - 225 National Guard personnel are in various stages of deployment to the vicinity of Jackson, Mississippi
  - 120 guardsmen, mainly military police, arrived on September 5 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The guardsmen have been attached to the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and are on their way to the Belle Chase Naval Air Station in Louisiana
  - Deployed 6 guardsmen with the 203<sup>rd</sup> Red Horse unit to assist Louisiana
- **VSP**
  - Deployed VSP helicopter equipped with a hoist, staffed by two pilots now performing rescue missions in New Orleans and Baton Rouge as well as providing restocking supplies
  - 100 Trooper Law Enforcement Task Force with a communication vehicle headed for Mississippi is on hold, per Mississippi request
- **VITA**
  - EMAC Request Summary information is posted on the On-Line EOC. Any On-Line EOC access issues should be directed to VITA Customer Care at 1-866-637-8482
  - Providing communications infrastructure assistance at Ft. Pickett to support the evacuee operation. Two coordinators have been assigned, and will handle the equipment setup, guidance and telecommunications
- **VDSS**
  - Directing local offices to refer evacuees to local chapter of American Red Cross (ARC) and provide FEMA teleregistration number. After screening by ARC, DSS will process evacuees into appropriate program
  - DSS provided guidelines to localities for providing assistance to evacuees
  - DSS Hotline – 1-800-777-8293 – For Faith Based Groups to offer temporary housing for evacuees
- **VDFFP**
  - Staffing to assist in EMAC and Legislative Affairs
- **VDACS**
  - Tracking consumer reports of alleged gasoline price gouging. August 31 - 66 calls taken. September 1 through the September 6 - 86 calls taken, 66 related to price gouging, 20 others related to half-pricing, 9 of which have led to an investigation

#### **LOCAL ACTIONS:**

- Identifying resources for possible deployment to impact areas
- Monitoring fuel supply
- Receiving evacuees

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

- American Red Cross has **291 open cases** and assisted **879 individuals**. The largest concentrations of evacuees are in Hampton Roads, Norfolk and Richmond
- Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) is open to answer questions and field concerns from citizens. The VPIC telephone number is **866-880-4288**, hours of operation this week – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 65 calls reported for September 6, 9 of which were referred to Medical Reserve Corps. A total of 232 calls reported since VPIC opened
- FEMA has set up a Donations Hotline at **800-440-6728**

- 4 evacuees have registered with a current Virginia address through FEMA Teleregistrations. Public Affairs outreach in process
- The Department of Health and Human Services has established a website (<https://volunteer.hhs.gov>) and toll-free number (1-866-KAT-MEDI) to help identify private sector health care professionals and relief personnel to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts
- The two USAR Task Forces VATF – 1 (Fairfax) and VATF – 2 (Virginia Beach), are enroute back to Virginia

**PROJECTED FUTURE ACTIONS:**

- Conference calls with localities - Schedule to be provided
- Continue to monitor fuel supply and coordinate with localities and the Governor's Office
- Coordinate local and state relief efforts
- Process EMAC requests
- Continue to monitor evacuee situation
- Refine 30-Day plan of action
- Implement external communications plan

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